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RAILROADS DISSATISFIED.

It is to be regretted that the railroads are endeavoring to secure a re-opening of the passenger rate question. The last legislature passed a law reducing passenger fares, which has saved the people of the State thousands of dollars, and the proposition to go back to the old rates will be bitterly opposed, as it ought to be. The agreement reached between Governor Glenn and the railroads was ratified by a special session of the General Assembly last year and everybody seemed satisfied with the solution of the matter. The railroads assented to it, and any further agitation of the question will be most unwise for both the State and the railroads themselves. The people want peace. Everybody is sick and tired of agitation. No fair-minded citizen desires to persecute the railroads, but most of all of us believe in a "square deal." Sworn reports of the railroads show that the present rates are not confiscatory, yielding a fair return for the real value of the property, and the railroad officials are making a mistake in seeking to annul the action of the legislature of 1908 in accepting the compromise agreed upon by the Governor and the roads.

But it looks like the fight is on. A number of railroad presidents called on Governor Kitchen last Thursday and urged him to recommend a re-opening of the question, stating that the present fares were unremunerative, that when they were agreed upon it was with the understanding that they should be tried for one year and if said rates proved injurious to the roads the Governor would consent to a reference of the matter to the Corporation Commission, requesting the Legislature to give said Commission power to re-adjust and fix the rates. These officials say that after having tried the rates eight months they find it unprofitable to conduct their business in accordance with the law passed by the General Assembly of 1907 and amended by the special session of 1908. They declare it will be a hardship to have to wait until another Legislature convenes and desire the present Governor to take action at this time in order to have the matter adjusted without litigation. There were present at the conference with the Governor, Attorney General Bickett, Chairman McNeill, of the Corporation Commission, Speaker Graham, of the House of Representatives and Senator J. S. Manning, of Durham, who was Chairman of the Committee on Public Service Corporations that drafted the rate bill passed by the Legislature of 1907.

After several hours of discussion the meeting was adjourned to Saturday, Jan. 30th, when another conference is to be held. Governor Kitchen says it was his understanding when the agreement was reached between Governor Glenn and the railroads that the proposition was con-

sidered just and reasonable by all parties to the controversy. The Governor says that he has not made a personal investigation of the working and the merits of the present law and is therefore unprepared to express himself fully and freely upon the question at issue. It is his purpose to more thoroughly inform himself with reference to this matter and when the next conference is held he will doubtless state his position and send a message to the General Assembly outlining his views upon the question. Referring to this passenger rate adjustment in his inaugural address the Governor said: "The last Legislature reduced passenger fares. The rates now in force, which saves thousands of dollars annually to the people from the old rates, have been approved by the railroads as just and reasonable. Conditions justify us in anticipating no agitation from any change in passenger fares during the term of the incoming administration."

It is a bit surprising, in view of the alleged settlement of this question as previously outlined, that the railroads should seek to begin anew the agitation which so greatly disturbed the people for more than a year, and which was supposed to have been fully and finally adjusted to the satisfaction of all concerned. Governor Kitchen says he thinks the railroads should consent to a further trial of the rates agreed upon under normal conditions, and expresses a hope that a trial under such conditions would show the rates fair to all concerned. It will be recalled that a serious financial disturbance came upon the country during the latter part of the year 1907 and this accounts largely for the depression in business reported by the railroads. If, as suggested by the Governor, the railroads will assent to the suggestion and "let well enough alone" for a while they will find that they have not been seriously injured after all. Anyway, we believe it most unfortunate for all concerned that a request to open this question has been made so soon after the enactment of the compromise which was approved by the railroads themselves.

Of course, if it is shown that the railroads are losing money, they should have relief, but the same ought to come from the Legislature instead of the Corporation Commission, as the railroads do not appear to have the proper conception of the powers with which that court is vested. There have been so many appeals from the orders of the Commission that the people look with suspicion upon any suggestion from the railroads to refer matters affecting them to that tribunal. Whether such an apprehension is justifiable we do not pretend to say.

Looks to us like the democratic members of the present General Assembly are pledged to support an effective anti-trust law. The State convention in Charlotte last summer adopted a platform advocating the enactment of a private monopolies out of business, if rigidly enforced. Let the Legislature carry out instructions. It is no bigger than those who created it. There is no use in trying to dodge the issue. It is clear cut.

The Coopers are on trial in Tennessee for the murder of former United States Senator Edward W. Carmack. If justice is meted out to them, both will be hanged by the neck until they are dead, dead, dead. A fouler murder, in our opinion, was never committed.

The prohibition law seems to have improved condition in many towns and cities in the State since it became effective two weeks ago. Most all the towns declare that crime has been reduced, so it is just as well to admit that prohibition "prohibits some."

After listening to the eulogies to Senator Overman in the Democratic caucus at Raleigh last Wednesday night, the writer begs to suggest that some well-informed writer prepare at once an article upon "the evolution of man since the days of Vance."

President Roosevelt has been hounding Senator Tillman for quite awhile, but has not "freed" him yet. Secret Service men were put on his trail, but the South Carolina Senator comes out unscathed, so far as official misconduct goes. Tillman is "onto" his job all right.

Many bills providing for an abolishment of the flee system has been introduced into the State Legislature and the indications are that the officers in a number of counties will be put on salaries at no distant day. Well, if the salaries are fixed at living "figures" it will be all right. But an official, even, has to live.

The Hustler believes that every public official should receive adequate compensation and that each department of the county government ought to be placed on an "equal footing." Officials who are competent and deserving are entitled to a just remuneration for their services, and elective officers should be paid more than those who receive their positions by appointment. It costs time and money to make, even a legitimate, campaign.

Governor Kitchen's administration begins under most favorable auspices and with all classes of citizens feeling secure in his announced policy of protecting the interests of one and all. His inaugural address rings clear and breathes a spirit of conservatism. Taking the utterances of the new Governor upon being inducted into office on Tuesday of last week, at face value, he will be neither "radical," or intolerable, but "safe and sane." Let us all hope so.

The Legislature is making haste slowly and will do well to continue this kind of policy upon matters of import. If the solons intend to stay with their jobs through the entire sixty day it is just as well to make a thorough investigation of all measures coming up for consideration. However, we believe their work could easily be completed in forty days and incline to the opinion that an especial effort should be made looking to such a result. If notice were given to this effect the folks would "get busy" and forward prospective measures to their representatives at Raleigh without delay. Many matters are nearly always delayed until the closing days of the session and then rushed through with little consideration and oftentimes without any at all.

Loyal, fighting democrats should be first considered when positions of trust and remuneration are being handed around. "To the victors belong the spoils" and there is going to be some "first class political funerals" in Henderson county one of these days if this long established policy is not carried out. Democratic representatives are in duty bound to stand by those who are entitled to recognition from the standpoint of party service, in the distribution of public patronage. However, it is not expected that an incompetent man be selected to a position, simply because he happens to be an active party worker. But there are scores of good working democrats who are capable, for every available position at the party's disposal.

Sewing Machines.

The best values in sewing machines can be obtained at Singer Store. Machines sold for cash or on easy terms. Look for the Red S. Singer sewing Machine Co., Hendersonville, N. C.

A spirit of conservatism seems to prevail among the members of the present General Assembly, which means that nothing rash will be done in Raleigh this winter. In fact the members of the present Legislature seem to be "a sort of do-nothing crowd."

If the citizens of Henderson county wish to make objections to any provisions of the proposed new road law, recently introduced in the General Assembly, they should speak out right now. They have a right to be heard and their wishes ought to be respected by our representatives. There is no need for rushing the bill through and the people here should get together and discuss any objectionable features it may contain. Suggestions offered by this newspaper would be misconstrued and the editor prefers to go over the matter in person with the author of the bill, rather than appear to be after him "with a sharp stick" in the public prints. We shall state our opinion of the law as finally enacted.

The efforts of the railroads to re-open the passenger rate question, thought to have been amicably settled last year, reminds us of the scant appreciation shown by the voters at the recent election for the great saving to the people in passenger fares since the law went into effect. A democratic legislature put money in their pockets by passing the rate law, but when voting time came the folks, lots of them, voted the republican ticket because they were mad about prohibition, forgetting what the democrats had done for them in many other different ways. Sometimes we are led to the conclusion that the masses of the people do not appreciate anything that is done for them, anyway.

WANT ADS

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Shepherd wants eggs. Call and see my White Pine Doors. J. R. Willson.

FOR SALE—A judgment of twenty-six dollars (\$26.00) against Dr. T. A. Allen, Jr., obtained against him Nov. 19th, 1907, and drawing 6 per cent interest. For spot cash, we will accept twenty dollars (\$20.00) from the first man sending us that amount. The Ransom & Randolph Co. 3-4 Toledo, Ohio.

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Notice of Sale.

Under and by virtue of the powers of sale contained in that certain mortgage for \$126.59 executed by Henry Fairley to J. H. and Annie Ripley, on the 2nd day of August, 1906, to secure that certain indebtedness therein set out, default having been made in the payment of the balance of \$81.16 of indebtedness therein secured, we will, on the 1st day of March, A. D., 1909, offer for sale at the Court House door in Henderson County, within the legal hours of sale, at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash, all the land described in said mortgage, recorded in Book 22, page 392 of the Records of Mortgages for Henderson County, said land being more fully described as follows:

Lot No. 1, Ripley sale. Beginning on a stake on the south side of College street, and on the west side of Ripley street, and runs west with College street 100 feet to a stake, thence south parallel with Ripley street 166 2-3 feet to a stake, thence east parallel with College street 100 feet to Ripley street thence north with Ripley street 166 2-3 feet to the beginning.

This, the 23rd day of January, A. D., 1909.

J. H. Ripley & Annie Ripley, Mortgagees. First National Bank of Hendersonville, Assignee. Smith & Schenck, Attorneys.

Notice of Summons.

County of North Carolina, State of Henderson, in the Superior Court, before the Clerk. Alexander Finlay, Administrator of Margaret E. Finlay, vs. Margaret E. Finlay, Roderick A. Finlay, and Jessie J. Finlay and Alexander Finlay, infants.

The defendants above named, Margaret E. Finlay, Roderick A. Finlay, and Jessie J. Finlay and Alexander Finlay, will take notice that a summons in the above entitled action was issued against said defendants on the 16th day of December, 1908, by C. M. Pace, Clerk of the Superior Court of Henderson County, North Carolina, and it appearing to the Court that the defendants are non-residents of the State of North Carolina, said defendants will take notice that a petition has been filed by the plaintiff in said cause, asking a decree of the Court to sell the land described in the petition, to-wit:

"All that lot of land described in deed from D. M. Hodges, Commissioner, to Margaret E. Finlay, recorded in Book 18, page 308 of the records of deeds for Henderson County." And that they are required to appear before the Clerk of the Superior Court of Henderson County, North Carolina, at his office, on the 30th day of January, 1909, at 10 o'clock A. M., and answer or demur to said petition; otherwise judgment will be taken in due course as provided by law in such cases.

This, the 23rd day of December, A. D., 1908.

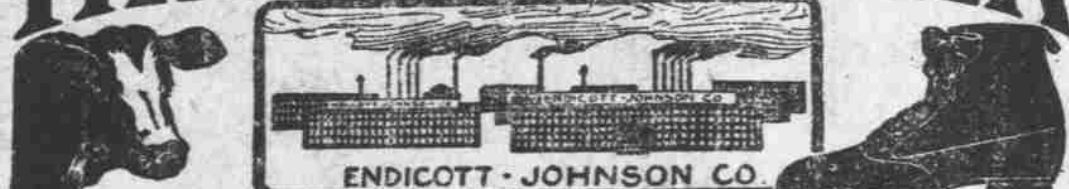
C. M. PACE, Clerk Superior Court. SMITH & SCHENCK, Attorneys for Plaintiff.

Notice.

To Mary E. Black. You will please take notice that at a Sheriff's sale, on the first Monday in May, 1908, I purchased those two acres of land situated in Green River Township, Henderson County, State of North Carolina, listed for the years 1906 and 1907 for taxation in your name and took the proper certificate of purchase from the tax collector for the same. You will further take notice that on the first Monday in May, 1909, I will demand of the Sheriff a proper deed for the said land, unless the same be redeemed by you prior to said date. J. D. DERMID.

This the 16th day of Jan. 1909.

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RESOURCES		LIABILITIES	
Loans	\$54,824.26	Capital stock paid in	\$29,330.00
Overdrafts	111.87	Net Profits	1,629.68
Furniture and Fixtures	2,543.71	Money	Bills Rediscounted None
Cash on hand and in Reserve	30,591.55	Borrowed	Bills Payable None
bank		Deposits	57,211.71
	\$88,071.39		\$88,071.39

Executrix Notice.

Having qualified as the executrix of the last will and testament of Lewis A. Emerson, all persons are notified to present to me, or my attorneys, Shipp & Ewbank, Hendersonville, N. C., their claims, duly verified, against the estate of the said Lewis A. Emerson, on or before the 8th day of January, 1910; or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

Mrs. Lillian A. Emerson, Executrix, Summerville, S. C.

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